REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2005. Claims 1-15 were pending. In the Office Action of June 23, 2005, the Examiner maintained and made final the rejection of claims 1-7 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art, FIG. 1, in view of Rogers et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,617,471 ("Rogers") The objections to the drawings and claims were withdrawn. And, claim 8 was deemed allowable.

By this amendment claim 1-7 and 12-15 are cancelled. Independent claim 9, which is an apparatus claim, is amended to include certain limitations from cancelled dependent claims 12 and 13, and also to include certain analogous limitations from allowed claim 8. More specifically, claim 9 is amended to include, *inter alia,* a media access gateway and a call control entity, wherein the media access gateway maintains control over a connection between the first segment of the first asynchronous transfer mode call and the first segment of the second asynchronous transfer mode call after the second segment of the first asynchronous transfer mode call and the second segment of the second asynchronous transfer mode call are released. New claims 16-19 are dependent from allowed claim 8 and mirror limitations previously in claims 2-3 and 6-7, respectively.

The Examiner previously determined that claim 8 was allowable. New claims 16-19 are allowable as well, at least because they are dependent upon allowable claim 8. Amended claim 9 includes certain limitations from claim 8 and is allowable for reasons analogous to the reasons claim 8 is allowable. Claims 10 and 11 are dependent from claim 9 and are allowable for at least the reasons given with respect to claim 9.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance at an early date is solicited.

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